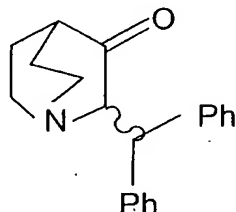


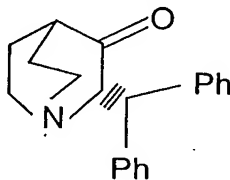
**PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF (S,S)-CIS-2-BENZHYDRYL-3-BENZYLAMINOQUINUCLIDINE**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A process for preparing (S,S)-cis-2-benzhydryl-3-benzylaminoquinuclidine. The process includes the steps of contacting a compound containing a mixture of R- and S-isomers and having the formula



with an effective amount of a chiral organic acid in the presence of an organic solvent and an effective amount of an organic carboxylic acid for converting the R-isomer into an acid salt of the S isomer, wherein the organic solvent is capable of solubilizing the compound containing the mixture of R- and S-isomers, while precipitating the acid salt and the organic carboxylic acid is different from the chiral organic acid; neutralizing the acid salt with a base to provide an S-isomer of a chiral ketone of the formula



; and

reacting the chiral ketone with an organic amine in the presence of a Lewis acid to provide the corresponding imine and reducing the imine.